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McNEALUS ON FERGUSON.

Senator-Editor McNealus of Dallas is a scrapper from scrapperville. In the last issue of his paper, the Dallas Democrat, he has the following to say relative to the opposition developing to a second term for Governor Ferguson:

"Some of the friends of Governor Ferguson declare it is not fair for anyone to oppose him for a second term; that the 'precedent of the party' should be observed. Well, Governor Ferguson invited the opposition; he declared, in the Senate Chamber, during the delivery of a speech on the day before the Senate defeated the Gibson bill: 'I here and now warn you that if this bill shall be defeated the Senators who vote against it will next year have to go before the people of this State, look them in the face and in the eyes, and answer for their betrayal of the people's interests.' Governor Ferguson shook his finger at the Senators, as he threw down the gauntlet and issued this challenge.

"After the Gibson bill had been defeated, on the day following, Governor Ferguson and his leading supporters declared that 'The issue will be carried before the people in the campaign of 1916!'

"All right! On with the battle! The Governor and his supporters should be held to their defiant words! It will be time enough to ask for a cessation of the fight against Governor Ferguson for a second term when he ceases his fight on the Robertson law! The Robertson law is worth more to Texas than would be a thousand Governor Fergusons or a million Gibson bills! The people can dispense with the services of any man in Texas. No matter who he is or what he may be, his place can be filled! But the repeal of the Robertson law and the adoption of the Gibson bill would be a calamity to the public welfare!

"It's Ferguson against the people and the Robertson law! It should be the people against Ferguson and the Gibson bill!

"Political peace and legislative rest" ought not to be accepted, "at any price!" All enemies should look alike to the people! On with the battle for the Robertson law!"

THE PEOPLE DEMAND AMUSEMENT.

Judge Davidson of the Court of Criminal Appeals holds that picture shows are not theatres and, therefore, Sunday laws do not affect them. We care not what they are called—we only want them to remain open on Sunday and every day.—Seguin Gazette.

Three-fourths of the people of Texas who are able to attend them, want the movies kept open on Sunday; but there is a persistent and insistent minority that, because it is organized, terrifies lawmakers and law officers into obeying its demands, on penalty of losing their jobs. Therefore, not only picture shows, but baseball, football and every other sort of sport which members of this intolerant minority do not enjoy, will soon be put under the ban. It has been thought an awful thing, that a man used to be punished for kissing his wife—or any other man's wife—on Sunday; but that was merely the beginning of interference with a man's amusements.—San Antonio Republic.

Out here in the country where the people are free from guile and Sunday means Sunday, we live in blissful ignorance of the capers cut on Sunday in our great cities and we are also ignorant of the manner in which the great mass of humanity regard these Sunday amusements. Their opinions, strange as it may seem, run exactly counter to ours here in the country, and the above clippings are published to show what to us are the peculiar views held by those who dwell in the cities.

England gives us the horse laugh. Germany gives us the horse laugh, and Villa tells us to go to hell.

The position of President Wilson is indeed galling. He has made demands and they have been ignored and handed back to him. Germany has turned him down in regard to his submarine warfare and his demands for the safety of American citizens. Great Britain has turned him down upon his demands as to the rights of American shippers. He stands balked and blocked by two of the greatest Nations engaged in the European war, and they are on opposing sides in the great conflict. What can he do? How can he enforce his demands? He cannot afford to plunge us into one war, much less two, and that is what it would mean to try to enforce his demands with both countries. Such a course would be madness. Compromise and arbitration seem to be the only courses left open to him. Otherwise he needs must be consumed with impotent rage. In the meantime, however, let us stand by our President in whatever course he leads us to the last limit of human possibility.

In placing cotton upon the contraband list, Great Britain has struck a blow at royalty. For years this product has wielded the kingly sceptre, so recognized the world over; but it seems its power has been swept aside by the mere swipe of a pen. Well, being a peace-loving Nation and our people possessing a forgiving, as well as a forbearing spirit, we will have to submit with grace, if not with cheer.—Denison Herald.

The royalty of King Cotton has not only been swatted, but the cotton farmers of the South have been knocked over the ropes. Representatives of six South and Central American countries are in Washington conferring with Secretary of State Lansing on peace plans for Mexico. They can devise a plan, all right, but putting it into effect is another matter. The man they place at the head of the government they set up to maintain peace must be given the men, the money, the shot and the shell to shoot the living lights out of the revolutionists as fast as they stick their heads up.

Editor-Senator McNealus of the Dallas Democrat says Texas needs a new constitution, but the people do not want a patched-up affair. We do not know how badly a brand new one is needed, but we do know from the vote on the 24th that the people do not want to patch up the old one.

The trouble about the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency financing the cotton crop, is that before the red tape can all be unwound the forms and ceremonies compiled with, and the multitudinous conditions met, the cotton is all out of the hands of the farmers.

Colonel Roosevelt has announced he will remain with the Progressives. Blamed if we knew there were any Progressives left for him to remain with.

Principal Blackshear of Prairie View wrote a letter favoring the election of Tom Ball. Ferguson said Blackshear had to go. Blackshear has "went."

TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH

A dispatch from College Station, printed in the News, states that a resolution will be offered to the Farmers' Congress, now in annual session, demanding "the unification of all agricultural institutes established and supported by the State. The only two 'institutes' that we know of falling within this description are the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The unification of these two, then, seems to be the thing desired by those who will offer this resolution. If this is the case, it would appear that an idea which the News has advocated for four or five years is in a fair way of being espoused by the one organization in this State which may profess to speak with some degree of authority for the farmers of Texas.

That there is need of unification must be obvious to every one. With the Federal Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural and Mechanical College, to say nothing of many volunteer organizations, such as the Texas Industrial Congress, engaged in the work of aiding the farmers to solve their problems and surmount their difficulties, there is no lack of energy being expended in this important task. It may even be possible that the expenditure of energy and money is greater than there is need of to accomplish the ends of it, and that as much could be accomplished by a smaller expenditure. This view is supported by a citation attributed to those who will offer this resolution. They are quoted as saying that not long ago "a pest of flies developed in one of the North Texas counties and threatened the farming

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Interests of that section with serious consequences. To recommend measures for the eradication of the pests, the Federal Department of Agriculture sent one and the State sent two entomologists, one from the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the other from the State Department of Agriculture, when one would have been ample.

Here was not merely a duplication, but a triplication of effort, and this instance of wasted energy and funds, instead of being exceptional, is common. Nearly always there are two and often three agencies engaged in a task which one could discharge, not merely as well, but perhaps better. For from this multitude of counsel confusion rather than certainty results. There are inevitably divergencies of opinion and advice, and the influence of the right advice is rendered nugatory by the giving of wrong advice. If the farmers now and then call a plague on all their counselors and resolve their conflicting opinions by deciding to follow none of them, they are acting, if not wisely, at least logically.

That unification is needed is so patent that it were a waste of time to argue the proposition. And the only sensible means of achieving it is equally plain. No one would propose to limit the activities of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. They must, on the contrary, be enlarged, both out of consideration for its own welfare as a national industry and out of consideration for the welfare of the agricultural industry. There is but one sensible solution. This is to abolish the State Department of Agriculture and transfer all its functions, together with so much of its customary revenues as may be needed, over to the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Even now it is doing pretty much all that the Department of Agriculture is doing, and the services which are singular to the Department of Agriculture could be rendered by the college quite as efficiently, if not more so.

It is not merely considerations of economy which urge the adoption of this course. They are the least of several. A greater advantage would be coherence and consistency in the advice and teachings given the farmers, qualities which are not always possessed by the advice and teaching with which they are deluged now from several quarters.

Still another advantage would be that in serving the farmers the college would be gathering practical information that could be made to enrich the tuition it gives to the young men who come to it for instruction. Just as there are engines which re-employ steam that has once been used, so could the college re-employ for the benefit of its pupils the energy which has been spent in aiding the men in the fields who never come to its campus. Such a consolidation would make for economy, for greater efficiency and for the enrichment of the college's tuition.

It is encouraging to know that the Farmers' Congress is beginning to see the wisdom and expedience of doing this. If the proposition is presented fairly and considered dispassionately, we believe that it will not only be adopted, but adopted with a unanimity which will command action by the next Legislature.—Galveston News.

A New Recruit.

Recruit—Please, sergeant, it said on the poster at the recruiting office that I should 'ave a free trip to Berlin!

Sergeant—What about it?
Recruit—Well, they've just measured me for a pith helmet.—Passing Show.

CREAMERY REPORT IS ENCOURAGING

A. W. Kinnard Reports Increased Business and Increase in Patrons for July.

To those interested in diversified farming and the development of our agricultural resources, it gives me pleasure to report that Fairmead Creamery at the close of the third month's operations shows a substantial gain in the quantity of cream bought and made into butter and ice cream, and likewise a gain of one-third in the number of patrons furnishing cream. While trade in butter and ice cream was a little dull in July, yet it was not found necessary to lower the price paid for butter fat—25c a pound. Be it further said that this price paid for butter fat by Fairmead Creamery is in excess by 5c a pound of the average price paid by other creameries of Texas.

I have been enabled to do this because of several co-operative influences: First, my farmer patrons have furnished me good, clean cream; second, I have been able to furnish the local market with a first-class product at a moderate price; third, the retail grocers with one exception are buying Fairmead butter for their trade; fourth, the banks, other business concerns and the people of Bryan are giving me hearty material support in establishing and maintaining this infant enterprise primarily for the benefit of the farmers of Brazos County, secondarily for the health and physical benefit of the people of Bryan, who appreciate good butter. The financial gain of the proprietor is a matter of third rate consideration, but he hopes to render such service to the county and city as to justify a moderate financial as well as moral support. He appreciates the co-operative support of all agencies concerned in the development of Fairmead Creamery and hopes to merit the continuance of this support. Respectfully,

A. W. KINNARD, Proprietor.

HUSBAND PLUNKER PLACED IN JAIL

Mother of Several Children Slew Husband She Was Suing for Divorce.

[By Associated Press.]
Gunter, Tex., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Lola Day, the mother of several children, who shot and killed her husband late yesterday, was arrested and charged with murder. Last week she filed suit for divorce.

OKLAHOMA CRUDE UP FIVE CENTS

[By Associated Press.]
Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 4.—Oklahoma crude oil was raised 5c here today, going up to 55c.

SAN ANGELO ADOPTS COMMISSION FORM

San Angelo, Tex., Aug. 4.—This city yesterday adopted a new charter and the commission form of government.

BLACKSHEAR LOST PRAIRIE VIEW HEAD

N. A. Banks Will Be Acting Principal by Vote of Board of Directors at A. & M. College.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at the A. & M. College Tuesday, the board voted to displace E. L. Blackshear as principal of Prairie View.

At the June meeting of the board Blackshear was re-elected. Just preceding the meeting of the board in Dallas July 6, Principal Blackshear tendered his resignation. At the meeting in Dallas the resignation was withdrawn and the board decided to rescind its action of June 6 in re-electing the incumbent. At that time also it was decided to leave the matter open until August 3.

Blackshear's term as principal expires September 1, according to the action taken Tuesday, and at that time N. A. Banks, secretary of the faculty, will become acting principal. President Bissell of the Agricultural and Mechanical College was appointed to look over all applications for appointment to that position and to submit recommendations before October 1.

The meeting of the board was attended by President John I. Guion of Ballinger and Directors Astin of Bryan, J. Sheb Williams of Paris, J. R. Kubena of Fayetteville, H. E. Brehm of Bartlett, T. E. Battle of Marlin, L. J. Hart of San Antonio, Will A. Miller Jr. of Amarillo and A. B. Davidson of Cuero.

The board is also considering at this meeting permanent plans for the campus.

CATTLE THIEVES CUT TELEGRAPH WIRES

Destroy Railroad Bridge and Cut Brownsville Off From Rest of United States.

[By Associated Press.]
Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 4.—Wire and railroad communication between the Brownsville section of the border and the rest of the United States was cut last night by bold, skillful work of an alleged band of cattle thieves, with whom the United States cavalrymen fought yesterday. They destroyed 230 feet of a railroad bridge thirty-three miles north of here and cut all wires. The latter were restored this morning.

A. M. LAMM WRITES.

The Eagle is in receipt of a letter from its old friend, A. M. Lamm of Hondo, former Brazos County citizen, renewing his subscription, in which he states that he and his family are enjoying good health.

As to crop conditions, Mr. Lamm says: "It is very dry and dusty, no rain in two or three months. On the last day of May hail destroyed a considerable portion of the corn and cotton. I am glad to know that old Brazos is in good shape this year."

ROOSEVELT WILL STAY PROGRESSIVE

He Will Not Register With Regulars and Advise Others to Let Them Alone.

[By Associated Press.]

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt issued a statement last night relative to the announcement of some Progressive leaders in New York State that they intended to enroll with the Republican party this year. Colonel Roosevelt follows:

"As regards the Progressives who have announced their intention of enrolling as Republicans in this State, I have nothing to say except that I think it has been fine of them to make the great fight they have made during the past three years for progressive principles, and I am sure that they are acting conscientiously in the step they now take and with the purpose of doing what they regard as most useful to the community.

"Holding the convictions I do, it would be an impossibility for me myself to take that step. I shall enroll as a progressive, and if any man in the State asks my advice I shall advise him to enroll as a Progressive."

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